

A regular meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Rosemarie Ives at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers present were: Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Paine, Resha, Robinson and Vache.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor presented to Lenda Crawford, Finance and Information Services Director, a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 2002 from the Government Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada.

The Mayor announced that she, Councilmember Resha, and staff attended a meeting at Nintendo this week and accepted, for the city, the Diamond Award for Redmond's CTR (Commute Trip Reduction) program. The Council also received a letter from Kathy Lambert, King County Council, commending the city for its CTR efforts. She noted that Councilmember Resha is the Executive Director of the Greater Redmond Transportation Management Association.

#### ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jim Pearman, 8240 SE 67 Street, Mercer Island, representing the Redmond Tourism Task Force (RTTF), spoke on behalf of the grant request for tourism dollars on tonight's agenda. He explained that the RTTF is made up of general managers from four hotels; Kelly Gast, Redmond Town Center; Debra Churchill, Redmond Parks and Recreation Department; and citizens from the Citizens Advisory Committee. The group is working on a recreational map in partnership with Redmond, Woodinville, and King County, and a visitors' guide.

Kelly Gast, Marketing Director, Redmond Town Center, stated Redmond Town Center supports the \$35,000 funding requested for RedmondLights.

Anne Stillwater, 5412 157 Drive, spoke for Redmond citizens concerned about how the city has treated Commander Gail Marsh, who was terminated in November 2003. She noted the city considered pursuing mediation, but decided to go to arbitration instead, and as a result, Commander Marsh's case will not be heard for months. She said the process was flawed, and the facts do not support her termination. Ms. Stillwater stated the group she represents will continue to come to the City Council to remind the Council and citizens of how Commander Marsh made Redmond a better place to live over the twenty-three years of her employment with the Police Department. She asked the Council to consider the formation of a Citizens Advisory Committee to conduct its own investigation and develop recommendations.

Council President McCormick stated that, as Council President, she wished to make the following statement on behalf of the Redmond City Council:

"Prior to receiving any further testimony under Items From the Audience, Council will accept testimony on a personnel action taken by the city, but will not respond or make any comments other than what follows. Personnel actions are administrative actions under the purview of the Mayor. The current action before the city is undergoing a formal grievance procedure as called for in the labor contract. The contract calls for the grievance to be heard through administrative actions within the city. If the grievance is not settled satisfactorily, the parties may submit to outside mediation. If it is still not resolved, the parties shall select an outside arbitrator to hear the dispute. Mediation and arbitration will be handled by mutually acceptable independent parties. While this process is going on, it would be inappropriate for any of us to interfere with the grievance. Council members have reviewed the charges and will continue to monitor this process."

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Cole, to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda:

- (1) approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 6, 2004
- (2) approve the following payroll/direct deposit and claims checks:

#### PAYROLL/DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECKS:

#158112 through 158211; and  
#122037 through 122612     \$1,158,327.02

#### CLAIMS CHECKS:

#214840 through 215269     \$2,838,428.18

- (3) approve \$28,334, including sales tax, to commission one public outdoor artwork for Grass Lawn Park's east entrance from the parking lot on 148 Avenue NE, as recommended by the Redmond Arts Commission; a stainless steel sculpture with a mirror finish of a female softball player winding

up for a pitch titled "Field of Dream" by Hai Ying Wu, Everett, WA; funding to come from the Percent for Art Fund allocation for the Grass Lawn Park Renovation Project from 2002-2004

- (6) approve a consultant agreement with Reid Middleton for design engineering services for the NE 116 Culvert Replacement, Project No. 03-SD-42, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 including contingencies; authorize staff to acquire necessary right-of-way or easements for the culvert and roadway construction, if required; and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement
- (7) approve the final plat of Sunnyhill Farm Phase 1, and authorize the Mayor to sign the final approval order
- (8) adopt Ordinance No. 2204, accepting a donation of self-contained breathing apparatus equipment from the Kirkland Fire Department to the Redmond Fire Department, and authorizing the Mayor and Fire Chief to carry out the terms of such donation, which was presented and read
- (9) adopt Ordinance No. 2205, making adjustments to city budgets, amending Ordinance Nos. 2144, 2165, 2169, 2178, 2184, and 2197, which was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Paine, Resha, Robinson, and Vache voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

#### PARK BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO RE-NAME "COAST GUARD PARK" TO "SUNSET GARDENS"

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated April 20, 2004, recommended approval to re-name the park as recommended by the Park Board.

Lori Snodgrass, Chair, Park Board, came to the podium at the request of Councilmember Robinson to respond to questions about the Park Board's recommendation regarding changing the name of Coast Guard Park to Sunset Gardens. He said he did

not think the name described the area, since the exposure is to the east and sunsets can not be seen from the park; and in addition, he likes the name of Coast Guard Park because it honors Coast Guard heroes.

Ms. Snodgrass explained that the Park Board researched this issue and asked the public to suggest names. She said the board wanted a name reflective of what the surrounding residents wanted. She said the Redmond Historical Society suggested "Sunset Gardens". The organization will create a kiosk that provides historical information about the Yoshitaki family and others who have contributed to the community.

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Resha, to approve the Park Board's recommendation to officially rename the recently constructed local park located at Avondale Road and NE 95 Street formerly known as "Coast Guard Park" to "Sunset Gardens". Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

#### FIRST HALF 2004 HOTEL-MOTEL TAX FUND AWARDS

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated April 20, 2004, recommended approval of the awards.

Councilmember Cole said he would vote against the motion because of the total dollars and the significant staff time involved.

The Mayor noted the receipt of letters from the Redmond Inn, the Silver Cloud, the Marriott at Redmond Town Center and the Marriott Residence Inn supporting the increased amount for Redmond Lights.

Councilmember Robinson said in light of the retreat discussion regarding promoting ethnic and religious diversity, he would recommend the Council grant the full amount of the request for RedmondLights.

Motion by Mr. Paine, second by Mr. Resha, to approve the recommendations of the Tourism Promotion Funding Review Committee regarding grant awards for the first round of funding in 2004, totaling \$94,880, including an increase to the grant for RedmondLights from \$30,000 to \$35,000. Motion carried (5 - 2) with Cole and Robinson voting nay.

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APPOINT NEW MEMBER, DAVID ENGELS, TO THE INDEPENDENT SALARY COMMISSION

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated April 20, 2004, advised that Fay Cawley had resigned her position on the Salary Commission and recommended the appointment of David Engels to the Salary Commission to complete Ms. Cawley's term.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. McCormick, to confirm the appointment of David Engels to the Independent Salary Commission.

The Mayor stated that by law she is required to make recommendations to the Council. She said, originally, she brought nine letters of application to the Council and the Council selected the initial seven members. To fill the vacancy created by a Commissioner stepping down prior to expiration of their term, she considered the remaining two applications from the first process.

Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

REPORTS

Staff Report - Social Enterprise Project Update

Lauren Kirby, Human Services Manager, updated the Council on the Social Enterprise Project, a business concept as a way to fund human services programs in Redmond. She said there is an opportunity at the Overlake Transit Center near the Microsoft Campus for a business venture that could operate collaboratively with the help of a consultant from the Social Enterprise Group. Currently, a market analysis is being conducted to identify the kinds of goods and services commuters desire, develop a business plan, and examine different organizational structures to house the venture, she concluded.

The Council expressed general support for the project concept.

OMBUDSMAN REPORT

Councilmember Vache received a letter complimenting the city on the three-lane configuration on 166 Avenue NE and suggesting that same lane configuration be extended along 166 Avenue NE up Education Hill.

Councilmember McCormick received complaints about functional access into Marymoor Park from West Lake Sammamish Parkway and East Lake Sammamish Parkway.

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Councilmember Cole received a comment about a non-working speed sign on West Lake Sammamish Parkway.

Councilmember Cole was contacted by a citizen asking the city to determine if a traffic signal is justified at the end of Old Redmond Road/West Lake Sammamish Parkway.

Councilmember McCormick announced the draft City Council Retreat Report is available on the city's website.

Councilmember McCormick distributed the agenda for next Tuesday's continuation of the Council's retreat work. She asked the Councilmembers to review the language regarding values and principles, the strategies section, and the numerous tactics the Council developed.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING REQUEST

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated April 20, 2004, recommended approval of the funding request.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Mr. Robinson, to approve transfer of \$20,000 of "Neighborhood Spotlight" Capital Investment Funds to a General Fund grant fund to support continuation of the Neighborhood Matching Fund Program. Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

#### HERITAGE GRANT FOR EL TOREADOR

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated April 20, 2004, recommended authorizing the grant to help move the restoration forward and to encourage other historic property owners to restore their properties.

Motion by Mr. Robinson, second by Mr. Marchione, to approve the Heritage Grant Committee's recommendation for grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 for a façade restoration feasibility study. Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

#### RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO CASCADE WATER ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Motion by Ms. McCormick, second by Mr. Resha, to approve Resolution No. 1184, appointing Councilmember John Marchione and Mayor Rosemarie Ives as the city's representative and alternate representative, respectively.

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Resolution No. 1184, appointing Councilmember John Marchione to act as the city's representative on the Cascade Water Alliance Board of Directors, and appointing Mayor Rosemarie Ives as the city's alternative representative, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Cole, Marchione, McCormick, Paine, Resha, Robinson, and Vache voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Committee Report - Public Administration and Finance Committee

Councilmember Paine announced a meeting for Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the 2005-2006 budget timetable.

##### Committee Report - Planning and Public Works Committee

Councilmember Marchione announced a meeting for Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at 4:30 p.m.

##### Committee Report - Parks and Human Services Committee

Councilmember Resha announced a meeting for Thursday, April 22, 2004, to discuss the workplan and workplan issues.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

At 8:52 p.m. the Council held an executive session regarding litigation. There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK